

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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No. 733

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7 S.P. 244

In Senate, February 14, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Transportation, sent down for concurrence  
9 and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Najarian of Cumberland.  
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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT Relating to Motor Vehicle  
18 Inspections.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1371-A, ¶¶ C and D, as enacted  
23 by PL 1973, c. 344, are amended to read:

24 C. Method of measuring tread depth. Tire tread  
25 depth shall be measured by a tread depth gauge  
26 which shall be of a type calibrated in 1/32 inch.  
27 The measurement shall be taken on the entire  
28 width of the tread all around the circumference.  
29 Readings shall be taken in a major tread groove  
30 of the tire nearest the center at 2 points of the  
31 circumference not closer than 15 inches. Readings  
32 for a tire which has the tread design running  
33 across the tire or for a siped tire, where such  
34 that tread design is permitted, shall be taken at  
35 or near the center of the tire at 2 points of the  
36 circumference not closer than 15 inches.

1       D. Tread depth requirements. No tire shall may  
2 be deemed to be in safe operating condition if  
3 such tire is worn to the point where less than  
4 2/32 inch of tread design remains at both points  
5 at which gauge readings are obtained, if any  
6 tread groove is less than 2/32-inch deep.

7       Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §2502, sub-§2, as enacted by PL  
8 1979, c. 464, §5, is amended to read:

9       2. Inspection fee. The inspection fee is \$3 \$5  
10 for each inspection and is payable whether the vehi-  
11 cle passes inspection or not.

12       Sec. 3. 29 MRSA §2510, sub-§1, as enacted by PL  
13 1979, c. 464, §5, is amended to read:

14       1. Temporary permits. The Chief of the State  
15 Police, the sheriff of each county or his deputy, a  
16 State Police officer, employees of the Division of  
17 Motor Vehicles designated by the Deputy Secretary of  
18 State and any municipal police officer or certified  
19 inspection mechanic may issue a permit to an owner of  
20 a motor vehicle which is not inspected to enable him  
21 to operate the vehicle to an inspection station for  
22 the purpose of complying with this law. A certified  
23 inspection mechanic may issue a 24-hour permit to an  
24 owner of a motor vehicle which does not pass inspec-  
25 tion to enable him to operate the vehicle to a repair  
26 shop, salvage yard or place of storage. A refusal  
27 card shall also be issued stating why the vehicle was  
28 refused an inspection sticker.

29    STATEMENT OF FACT

30       The purposes of this bill are:

31       1. To increase the fee for motor vehicle inspec-  
32 tions from \$3 to \$5;

33       2. To require that the measurement of tread  
34 depth on motor vehicle tires be taken on the entire  
35 width of the tire all around the circumference; and

1           3. To permit certified inspection mechanics to  
2 issue permits to move vehicles for inspection or to  
3 move vehicles that will not pass inspection.

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